

ECO-SCHOOLS

Eco-Schools is a programme for environmental management and certification, designed to implement sustainable development education in schools by encouraging children and young people to take an active role in how their school can be run for the benefit of the environment. Eco-Schools is a programme of the "FEE" Foundation for Environmental Education.
www.fee-international.org

NATIONAL DELEGATION

Emirates Wildlife Society is a national (UAE) environmental non-governmental organization. EWS is established under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in the Western region and Chairman of Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi (EAD). EWS works in association with WWF, one of the world's largest and most respected independent conservation organizations, with more than 5 million supporters and a global network active in over 100 countries. EWS-WWF has been active in the UAE since 2001 and has initiated and implemented several conservation and education projects in the region. The mission of EWS-WWF is to conserve the natural heritage of the UAE and to promote sustainable lifestyles. For more information please visit www.ewswwf.ae

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HSBC Eco-Schools Climate Initiative

HSBC and International Eco-Schools Coordination are implementing a new programme that aims to empower students as active contributors to reducing carbon emissions.

Using the Eco-Schools Programme 7 Steps methodology, Eco-Schools will target climate change, profiting from teacher's training and materials devised for this project.

Eco-Schools will be encouraged to share their practices through the HSBC Eco-Schools Climate Initiative website, so that Eco-Schools facing similar challenges can benefit from the experience of others.

Eco-Schools involved in the project will also be invited to participate in the HSBC Eco-Code Climate Competition.

HSBC employees will be given the chance to volunteer for the HSBC Eco-Schools Climate Initiative in their country.

Theme: Climate Change

The project's main focus area will be climate change and work will be carried out according to the Eco-Schools 7 step methodology and other Eco-Schools criteria.

Learn more about the Eco-Schools Programme on www.eco-schools.org.

The Eco-Schools 7 Steps Methodology:

STEP 1 Eco-Schools Committee

STEP 2 Environmental Review

STEP 3 Action Plan

STEP 4 Monitoring and Evaluation

STEP 5 Curriculum Linking

STEP 6 Involving the Wider Community

STEP 7 Eco-Code

Schools can also choose to work on more specific areas of climate change, linking the main theme with others, such as:

- Litter
- Water
- Energy
- Transport
- Food
- Biodiversity

How to be a part of this project

Eco-Schools interested in being a part of this initiative should contact their national operators.

The participating Eco-Schools will register on the website, where an online map will present best practice.

Participant Eco-Schools will be able to exchange information on the website. Non-participants will also be able to benefit from their experience.

"Climate Change means a change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods."

From the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/conveng.pdf>